

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-13 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 4 are amended, and Claims 9-13 are added and claims 2 and 3 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the amended and new claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 3-8 contain allowable subject matter. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the features of claims 2 and 3. Thus, it is believed that claim 1 should now be allowable.

The Office Action rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Matsumi (U.S. Patent No. 5,193,355). Claim 2 has been canceled. As noted above, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable features of claim 3. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claims 9-13 are added to the application. Claim 9 is an independent claim directed to a window type air conditioner. Claim 9 recites an indoor unit having a shroud that surrounds an indoor heat exchanger and a centrifugal fan of the indoor unit. Claim 9 also recites that the shroud includes a curved portion that acts to smoothly guide air exiting the centrifugal fan towards the indoor air discharge port.

The Matsumi air conditioner lacks an indoor unit with a shroud having the curved portion recited in claim 9. For at least this reason, it is respectfully submitted that claim 9 is

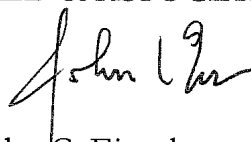
allowable over Matsumi. Claims 10-13 depend from claim 9 and are allowable for the same reasons, and for the additional features which they recite.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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